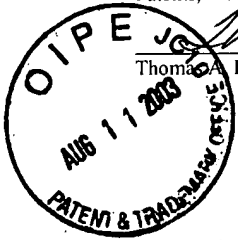


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Regarding EP 1 034 772 A1, as a means for supplying a "concise explanation of the relevance" of the document as understood by the applicant, applicant furnishes an English translation of the Abstract, as follows:

(54) DEVICE for TRANSFERRING A SUBSTANCE  
CONTAINED IN A VIAL to A SOLUTION BAG

(57) The invention is related to a device for transferring a substance (1) specifically medication, contained in a vial (3) to a solution bag (16).


The transfer device (1) of the invention consists of a first guide (2), generally shaped as a cylinder, able to receive at least the "neck" (10) and the upper portion of the body (11) of the vial (3), the first guide (2) consisting of means able to prevent the total withdrawal of the vial (3) from the first guide (2) after being introduced in it;

- a second guide (14), generally shaped as a cylinder, able to receive the entry orifice (15) of the solution bag (16);
- a means of piercing the closing devices of both vial (3) and of the solution bag (16) and of transferring the substance out of the vial (3) and into the solution bag (16).

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